

HOOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 1, 2016

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Hoover Municipal Center

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Wright, Council President
Mr. John Greene, Council Member
Mr. John Lyda, Council Member
Mr. Joe Rives, Council Member
Mr. Gene Smith, Council Member

ABSENT: Mayor Gary Ivey
Admiral Jack Natter, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Leslie Klasing, City Attorney, Waldrep Stewart & Kendrick
Ms. April Danielson, Waldrep Stewart & Kendrick
Ms. Linda Andrews, Library Director
Mr. Tommy Daniel, Director, Public Works
Chief Nick Derzis, Police Chief
Mr. Mike Lewis, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Rod Long, City Engineer
Mr. Frank Lopez, Director, Revenue and Taxation
Dr. Melinda Lopez, Director, Information Management & Reporting
Mr. Craig Moss, Director, Parks and Recreation
Mr. Allen Pate, Executive Director
Mr. Ben Powell, Purchasing Director
Mr. Tim Westhoven, Assistant Executive Director
Chief Chuck Wingate, Fire Chief
Mr. Jim Wyatt, Director, Inspection Services
Mr. Robert Yeager, Finance Director

The meeting was called to order by Council President Jack Wright.

The clerk had roll call and a quorum was present.

The clerk gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rives.

1. REPORTS

The City Attorney read a **Proclamation** congratulating the **Hoover 12U Strykers Softball Team** on winning the **USSSA World Series Championship**. Mr. Wright presented the framed proclamation to John Parker, President, Hoover Softball and Head Coach, Chad Clark. All team members present were introduced and given an original signed proclamation to take home.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wright stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the July 18, 2016 regular meeting.

Mr. Smith made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented and to dispense with the reading. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene. Mr. Wright called for discussion. There being none, on voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 5432-16 – BID NO. 02-16-1C – HOOVER SPORTSPLEX GENERAL WORKS PACKAGE (Continued from the 7/18/16 Council Meeting)**

The City Attorney read Resolution No. 5432-16. This would award Bid No. 02-16-1C for the Hoover Sportsplex General Works Package to M. J. Harris Construction Services, LLC, in the amount of \$20,278,619.00 (Base Bid Plus Alternates #1 and #2); theirs being the lowest responsible bid meeting all specifications and requirements. This resolution would also authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with said company for the work to be performed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 5432-16**. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rives and Mr. Greene. Mr. Wright called for comments or questions from the Council.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Ben Powell if this included the Alternates No. 1 and No. 2. Mr. Powell replied yes with a reduced rate from what was originally bid.

Mr. Wright called for questions from the audience. There being none, on voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5441-16 – BID NO. 17-16 – RECREATION CENTER LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION**

The City Attorney read Resolution No. 5441-16. This would award Bid No. 17-16 for the Hoover Recreation Center Locker Room Renovation project to Battle Miller Construction Company in the amount of \$488,698.00; theirs being the lowest responsible bid meeting all specifications and requirements. This resolution would also authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with said company for the work to be performed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 5441-16**. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rives. Wright called for comments or questions from the Council.

Mr. Greene asked Mr. Craig Moss, Director, Parks and Recreation, to give an overview of the project. Mr. Moss said this would be a total renovation of both locker rooms and would add a storage facility on the pool deck. This renovation will bring the locker rooms into compliance with current ADA standards. There is no structural damage to the existing locker rooms. However, the locker rooms have been the number one complaint from patrons over the last two years. Mr. Greene asked if the existing locker rooms present any kind of danger to the public user. Mr. Moss said the showers could be a danger due to a lot of cracked tiles. It would be costly to repair them and he has been waiting on this project to be able to redo those. Mr. Greene asked how many people use the locker rooms annually. Mr. Moss said the membership at the recreation center has grown over the last five to ten years. There are a total of 8,500 members currently. There are over 500 visitors per day and the locker rooms are heavily utilized. He noted that people judge a facility by its locker room and right now

the Recreation Center locker rooms are in bad shape. Mr. Greene noted that Mr. Moss did indicate that they are safe. Mr. Greene asked Mr. Moss if this project was in the budget. Mr. Moss replied yes. Mr. Greene commented that he voted against the current budget and noted that this is almost half a million dollars for this project. He said when the budget was passed there was \$2 million budgeted for the schools which ended up being \$1 million due to the SRO money that is being refunded. So, the city budgeted half a million more for the city's 14,000 students than it did for the locker room project.

Mr. Wright called for comments from the audience. There being none, on voice vote the motion carried, with one nay vote from Mr. Greene.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5442-16 – BID NO. 22-16 – AERATION MACHINE**

The City Attorney read Resolution No. 5442-16. This would reject the single bid received for Bid No. 22-16 for the purchase of an Aeration Machine; and authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the single bidder, River Region Sports Field, in an amount not to exceed their quoted bid amount of \$39,950.00. This would also authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with said company for the purchase of said item.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 5442-16**. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rives. Mr. Wright called for discussion from the Council.

Mr. Greene asked where this machine would be used. Mr. Powell replied it was his understanding this machine would be used at all city athletic fields.

Mr. Wright called for comments from the audience. There being none, on voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5443-16 – PUBLIC HEARING – ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES DUE TO WEEDS AND/OR GRASS – 1536 HOLLY ROAD AND 512 OAKLINE DRIVE**

Mr. Wright said this is a public hearing to consider the abatement of public nuisances due to weeds and/or grass at 1536 Holly Road and 512 Oakline Drive. He asked if there were those present who wished to speak in opposition. There were none. He asked if there were those who wished to comment on this matter.

Mr. Curtis Jackson, 708 Oakline Circle, expressed appreciation to the City of Hoover for its assistance in the grass and weed abatement at 512 Oakline Drive. This has been an ongoing process in their Highland Crest neighborhood on this particular property. The back lot is severely overgrown and affects the property values of the neighborhood and the area.

The City Attorney read Resolution No. 5443-16. This would order the abatement of the public nuisances due to grass and/or weeds.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 5443-16**. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rives and Mr. Greene. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith asked if the photos presented to the Council earlier reflected the condition of the properties as of today. Mr. Robert Macke replied yes.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 5444-16 – DECLARE PROPERTIES AT 3337 BOXWOOD COURT, 2450 BROOKLINE DRIVE AND 2168 ROCKY RIDGE ROAD AS PUBLIC NUISANCES DUE TO WEEDS AND/OR GRASS.**

The City Attorney read **Resolution No. 5444-16** that would declare properties at 3337 Boxwood Court, 2450 Brookline Drive and 2168 Rocky Ridge Road as public nuisances due to weeds and/or grass. The City Attorney then stated that the grass had been cut at each of the properties to the satisfaction of staff and recommended a motion to withdraw. Mr. Smith made a motion to **withdraw Resolution No. 5444-16**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene. There were no additional questions or comments and on voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 5445-16 – APPOINT POLL WORKERS FOR THE 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.**

The City Attorney read **Resolution No. 5445-16** that would appoint election officers and set compensation for the officers relating to the municipal election to be held on August 23, 2016 and, if necessary, a run-off on October 4, 2016. Mr. Smith made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 5445-16**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene. Mr. Wright asked for any comments or questions from the Council or the audience and there were none. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 5446-16 – ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY – TRACE CROSSINGS SECTOR 19 SUBDIVISION**

The City Attorney read **Resolution No. 5446-16** that authorizes the acceptance of public improvements within the road right-of-way of Trace Crossings Sector 19 Subdivision. The Building Inspections Department has inspected the improvements and determined that the required public improvements and repairs have been made within the road right-of-way and recommends acceptance of public improvements for perpetual maintenance. Mr. Smith made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 5446-16**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene. Mr. Wright asked for comments or questions from the Council or the audience and there were none. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

10. **ABC APPLICATION – (020 RESTAURANT RETAIL LIQUOR) OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE OF FLORIDA, LLC d/b/a OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE 1256 – 3440 GALLERIA CIRCLE**

Mr. Wright stated this is a request for approval of an ABC Application (020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor) for Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC d/b/a Outback Steakhouse 1256, 3440 Galleria Circle. This is a new business at a previously approved location.

Mr. Lyda made a motion to approve the **ABC Application**. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and Mr. Rives. Mr. Wright called for comments from the Council or the audience. There being none, on voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

11. 2nd READING ORDINANCE NO. 16-2310 – ANNEX 3425 LAUREL VIEW LANE AND 3546 WILLIAM AND MARY ROAD.

The City Attorney had the second reading of Ordinance No. 16-2310 that would annex property at **3425 Laurel View Lane** owned by Alan and Patricia Foster and **3546 William and Mary Road** owned by Curtis and Lisa Martin into the City of Hoover. Mr. Smith made a motion to **adopt Ordinance No. 16-2310**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Wright asked if there were any questions or comments from the Council or the audience. There being none, on roll call vote the votes of the Council were as follows: Mr. Greene, "Yea"; Mr. Lyda, "Yea"; Mr. Rives, "Yea"; Mr. Smith, "Yea" and Mr. Wright, "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

12. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016 AT 6 PM

Mr. Wright stated a public hearing is hereby set for **Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** to consider the following request which will be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on August 8, 2016.

Mr. Joseph A. Miller, III, MTM Engineers, Inc. requests to rezone two parcels (approximately 8.96 acres) located at 821 Alford Avenue and 2120 Tyler Road from A-1 Agriculture District to PRD Planned Residential Development District. This property is owned by R. W. Carlton and Patricia Clark.

The City Attorney had the **First reading of Ordinance No. 16-2312**.

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Smith made a motion that the bills be paid as submitted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene. Mr. Wright called for questions or comments from the Council or the audience. There being none, on voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wright stated the Mayor was attending his daughter's wedding in Colorado and could not be present at the meeting. He wished the Mayor and his daughter his best.

Mr. Wright called for additional comments or questions from the Council.

Mr. Smith asked if Chief Derzis would comment about **National Night Out** to take place the following night. Chief Derzis said they were excited about National Night Out on Tuesday night at The Grove shopping center from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. He said there would be free hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks and a lot of things for kids. He said they would showcase a lot of equipment the police department has and with all the things taking place across the Country he believed it was a great opportunity for the public to come and talk with the officers. He said the Fire Department would have equipment there and the DEA would have a booth. He said in the past they had been very successful with roughly 6,000 to 8,000 people attending. He said it was a national event sponsored by Target.

Mr. Wright called for any additional comments or questions.

Sergeant Major Michael Holt, 1921 Valewood Circle, Hoover, Alabama, came forward to address the Council. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and he requested they

consider naming the new Hoover sports complex after Brian Skelton in recognition of his service and dedication to the City. Mr. Wright thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Bill Powell of the Hoover Chamber of Commerce came forward to state that he received a call from Janet Hartmann, one of their top volunteers that owns a business in Hoover Court. She had spoken with the owners of Hoover Florist who said they want to provide to any business in Hoover a blue ribbon at no charge to put on their door in honor of the Hoover Police Department. Hoover Florist also wants to make them available to anyone who would want to display one at their residence for a minimal charge. Mr. Wright thanked him and told him he appreciates what Mr. Powell does for the Chamber.

There were no further comments or questions and the meeting was adjourned.

Margie Handley, City Clerk